Dear Constituents,

I have been proud and privileged to represent the people of Ramsey as your Member of the House of Keys since May 2003 and it is with a robust commitment to you and our Island that I offer myself as a candidate for re-election.

In this manifesto you will read of my hopes and ambitions for Ramsey and the Isle of Man and my thoughts on many of the important issues that concern you at the present time.

I believe that Ramsey is a community second to none. It is a community worth fighting for and I take every opportunity to promote and protect Ramsey. This has led to increased government investment in Ramsey and a recognition that we will not be ignored.

I realise that in Tynwald to achieve progress for Ramsey and the Island you have to work as a team player and that you have little impact shouting from the sidelines. I have willingly accepted the many external influences which adversely affect our quality of life and where I have been able to make a difference I have worked to address those issues for Ramsey and the Island.

I have enjoyed the challenges that I have faced in my role as your MHK but above all else I have enjoyed the friendship and support that you have given me whilst carrying out my constituency work.

I would welcome the opportunity to continue to serve you, Ramsey and the Island and hope that you will receive my vote on Thursday 23rd November 2006.

At the Heart of Ramsey...  

Anne Craine
For transport to the Polling Station please ring 813104 or 481022. In an effort to be environmentally friendly, one manifest or write to me at The Carrick, Port Lewaigue, Maughold IM7 1AG.

In my campaign to date, I have visited as many people as I can. If you have particular concerns or questions for me please do not hesitate to contact me on 813104, by e-mail at carrick@mcb.net.

Concern has been expressed about the lack of facilities to keep our young people occupied, particularly in their mid to late teenage years. There are numerous youth and sports clubs but these do not necessarily cater for the needs of all. The educational facilities in Ramsey coupled with caring and committed teaching staff give our children a huge advantage in shaping their futures. Investment in our youth is investment in our future.

It is a challenge to get round to everyone’s home before Polling Day but I will try my best to visit as many people as I can. If you have particular concerns or questions for me please do not hesitate to contact me on 813104, by e-mail at carrick@mcb.net.

Energy Policy committee I recognise there will be difficult decisions to make with regard to the choices of wind farms, tidal and solar generation which will bring planning and other issues to the fore. Having served on the Energy Sustainability committee, I understand that we need to think long term about the future of energy. We should seek to meet the Kyoto Agreement obligations to cut CO₂ emissions and reduce energy waste. We need a serious commitment to arresting climate change; we can all do our bit to help reduce CO₂ emissions by 20%.

The international costs of energy affect us all and many people are worried about the affordability of fuel this winter. We should look seriously at a scheme that increases allowances to low incomes, or looks at a system of carbon levy. Taxes can help to control demand and reduce CO₂ emissions.

Immigration

Success should not always be measured in academic terms and I welcome the introduction of Citizenship as an important part of our education. I wish to establish a Youth Forum in Ramsey where views can be expressed and young people can have positive input into community affairs. A youth forum would help promote local businesses, and encourage young people to return to the Island after education so that we can maintain a sustainable and able workforce.

The Isle of Man has enjoyed great economic success in recent years and the prime concern for any Government is to develop a strong economy that is and will continue to be the home of the Manx and it is for those new to our Island to respect our values and attitudes.

Law and Order

Drug and alcohol abuse incurs an ever growing cost to society. From anti-social behaviour to violence on the streets and in the home the majority of crimes are in some way connected to the drug culture of our youth. From alcohol fests in the streets to the recent increase in corporate theft the problems are becoming a nationwide issue.

The Pensions time-bomb is ticking…. it is widely recognised that the present level of state and final salary pensions cannot be funded in their present forms in the longer term. The system is and will continue to be funded by contributions and investments. I am aware that there is anxiety amongst many who face retirement, particularly those who do not want to work by the fact that the Island does not hand out benefits like the UK. The deportation of illegal immigration is and will continue to be a problem. We are protected under international law and there are no barriers to deportation. We have to have a serious commitment to arresting climate change; we can all do our bit to help reduce CO₂ emissions.

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With unemployment figures standing at 4% in 2002, this is a worrying sign for individual families and the local economy. I need to think long term about the future of energy. We should seek to meet the Kyoto Agreement obligations to cut CO₂ emissions and reduce energy waste. We need a serious commitment to arresting climate change; we can all do our bit to help reduce CO₂ emissions by 20%.

Care of the Elderly

We need a successful economy to continue to provide the high level of services that our island population has come to expect. In particular we must give greater financial support to those on fixed or low incomes. Continue to provide affordable housing. Establish new industries for secure job opportunities. Promote high standards of education and training. Secure funding for health services.

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About Anne Craine

Anne Craine is a former Chairperson of the Isle of Man Sports Council and a former member of Ramsey Young Farmers Club. Having grown up on a farm in Maughold, Anne was educated at Ramsey Grammar School. After leaving school she worked at the Co-operative Society before working for a number of years in London. Anne returned to the Island in 1974 and married David in 1978. They have three children, David, Steven and Jane.

Energy Sustainability

Fuel Costs and Immigration

 butcher, baker, candle stick maker

Maintenance and Developing our Economy

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Law and Order

Recent statistics show a concerning increase in crime levels. To tackle this we must not only have a highly visible police force but must recognise our own responsibilities in this. I welcome recent initiatives to seek volunteers to keep this facility open around the clock.

Parental responsibility should be demanded in dealing with the discipline of children who cause problems on the streets. Parents should know where their children are, whom they are with and what they are doing. They, and not society, must be held to account for the unruly behaviour of their children.

Drug and alcohol abuse incurs an ever growing cost to society. From anti-social behaviour to violence on the streets and in the home the majority of crimes are in some way related to drug abuse. I press for more police powers to tackle these insidious threats that are causing a huge drain on resources in so many areas.

Care of the Elderly

We have a large population of elderly people in Ramsey and the North and I am pleased to be associated with the development of Kerrooglass, refurbishment of Cooil ny Marrey and further developments on Albert Road School Site and Clifton Park.

I am aware that there is anxiety amongst many who face having to pay for nursing care in the later years of their life and who worry about having to sell their homes to finance it. I would support the implementation of this provision in the Isle of Man.

The Pensions time bomb is ticking. It is widely recognised that the present level of state and final salary pensions cannot be funded in their present forms in the longer term. I believe that a compulsory element of private pensions is the only way out of this mess and for an urgent review of the funding for future pensions as it is vital that we tackle this extremely difficult problem now.

About Anne Craine

Having grown up on a farm in Maughold I was educated at Ramsey Grammar School. After working in London for a number of years I returned to the Island in 1974. David and I married in 1978 and we have three children.

I have given the people of Ramsey determined and energetic representation and have been a totally committed full time MHK. With your support I would seek the opportunity to continue to work for you and with you as a Member of the House of Keys.

I have persistently fought for the restoration of the Queen’s Pier and I am confident that the formation of the Chief Minister’s working group reporting in February 2007 means that the future of the Pier is brighter than it has been for some years.

I have asked for the reconsideration of the MEA site in Gardeners Lane as a proposed Civic Amenity Site. Other possibilities are now being explored and I believe that the site will prove a catalyst for the development of the area.

Green Light For Go!

As your MHK for the last three years and before that as a Member of the Board of Education I have been able to influence the progression of all of the following projects.

- Ramsey Grammar School - Medway Block: currently under construction £6.1m
- Auldyn School: completed 2005 £5.1m
- Albert Road School replacement: in planning £6.0m
- Swimming Pool - completion 2008: in planning £5.8m
- Shipyard Refurbishment: completed autumn 2006 £1.0m
- Lezayre Housing Estate: work underway £23.0m
- Faaie Wyllin: completed summer 2006 £1.0m
- Cooyrt Balleigh: completed summer 2006 £1.7m
- Ormly: first-time buyer grants: work underway £1.1m
- Queens Hotel Site: first-time buyer grants: completion spring 2007 £1.2m
- Ballure Apartments: in planning £2.2m
- Clifton Park: sheltered accommodation and first-time buyer grants: in capital programme £3.4m
- Albert Road: sheltered accommodation and first-time buyer grants: in capital programme £4.3m
- Kerrooglass Extension: design stage £2.0m

In an effort to be environmentally friendly, one manifesto has been issued to cover all voters in any household.
The restoration of 24 hour opening of the Minor Injuries Unit has always had and will continue to have my full support and I will fight as I have done through repeated questions and debate in Tynwald for its restoration.

THESE ARE THE FACTS:

- The hospital is not going to close and its future is firmly secure.
- The hospital is open 365 days per year.
- The Minor Injuries Unit is open 365 days per year 8am – 10pm.
- A bid has been made for the monies to enable the restoration of the 24 hour nursing provision at the Minor Injuries Unit in the 2007/08 budget.
- I am optimistic that this bid will be successful.

The Hospital celebrates its 100th Anniversary in 2007. From this strong foundation we have the opportunity to develop services from within existing resources to improve the delivery of health care. One such opportunity is the potential to attract additional business to the newly refurbished shipyard and car parking facilities and I wish to see the Hospital being used as the co-ordinating base for this important area of health care.

Ramsey is on the brink of golden opportunities that we cannot afford to miss. The exciting news that the Water Retention Scheme is going to the consultation/design phase should be seized with enthusiasm by the whole community.

Ramsey Matters!

Marina Scheme
Shipyard
Light Industry
Retail and Service Industries
Leisure Facilities
Car Parking
New Marina Facility
New Swimming Pool
Vote
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